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MEMORANDUM

To: Administrators of School Meal Programs

From: Rick Hall, Team Leader  
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Subject: Summer Food Service Program Waiver

The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) is pleased to announce the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) seamless waiver. This waiver will greatly reduce the amount of paperwork required for application and claim processing. If operating under the waiver, the School Food Authority (SFA) will report meals served based upon the NSLP and the School Breakfast Program (SBP) regulations. The SFA will request reimbursement based on the rates prescribed by NSLP and SBP. The SFA will still be responsible for financial and administrative capability for program operations and should also continue keeping accurate records of these, however, they will not be needed in the claiming process. Following are a few special provisions of this waiver:

1. Waiver sites must currently be operating under the National School Lunch Program.
2. Waiver sites should be located in needy areas, where 50 percent or more of the children qualify for free or reduced price school meals. These sites must remain "open sites" except in cases where participation at an open site is limited for reasons of safety, security, or control.
3. Waiver sites can also be located in non-needy areas, where 50 percent or more of the enrolled children qualify for free and reduced benefits.

4. Schools that operate under the traditional school calendar may operate the waiver sites during the summer when summer school is in session. These sites must be open to all children in the eligible area and meals will be reimbursed at the free NSLP/SBP rates.
5. Year round schools may operate the waiver for sites that have off-track students. These meals will be reimbursed at the free NSLP/SBP rate and the site must be open to all students. On-track students in a year round school can also receive summer food meal benefits, however, their meals will be reimbursed at the NSLP/SBP free, reduced, or paid rate.
6. SFA's operating under the waiver will be able to claim their meals on-line, making it even easier to claim on the SFSP. These SFA's must have on-line capabilities to operate the waiver. However, because on-line claiming will not begin until July 2002, June reimbursement for sites operating under the waiver will not be sent until mid-August.
7. Sponsors not on the SFSP seamless waiver will not have on-line claiming capabilities.

The SFSP is a wonderful opportunity to provide children from low- income areas a free meal that they may not receive otherwise. With the new waiver, it is now even easier to provide a Summer Food Program. If you are planning to have a SFSP this summer, please mark your calendar for one of the workshops posted below.

**2002 SFSP Workshops:**

March 6	Phoenix
March 13	Tucson
March 27	Flagstaff
March 28	Chinle
April 18	Phoenix
May 7	Phoenix

Details regarding the workshops and registration information will be sent with your SFSP application in February. The Arizona Department of Education looks forward to a successful and growing Summer Food Season. If you have any questions about SFSP or the waiver please contact Tristine Bogle (602) 542-8703 or Kim Sneed (602) 542-8711.